

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee – October 16, 2009

Chair Bonnie Morris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Bonnie Morris (Chair), John Pledl, Paul Decker, Dave Falstad, Peter Wolff (left at 9:02; returned at 9:28), Kathleen Cummings.

Absent: Supervisor Jean Tortomasi.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Clerk of Courts Kathy Madden, Emergency Management Coordinator William Stolte, UW-Extension Director Marcia Jante, Executive Assistant Julianne Klimetz, Senior Financial Analyst, Clara Daniels, Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer Erin Drout, Program Coordinator Ellen Shiflet.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-052: Accept Homeland Security-Urban Area Security Initiative FY2006 Program Funding And Modify The Emergency Preparedness 2009 Budget To Appropriate Grant Revenues And Expenditures For Technology Equipment

Stolte explained the this funding stream was a result of turn back funds from UASI 2006 projects that came in under budget. The \$ 45,000 in unexpended funding was reallocated equally among the area UASI counties in the amount of \$9,000 each. Waukesha County will use the funding for the purchase of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) technology equipment, including a handheld identification scanner, laptop computers and related operational supplies. The ultimate goal is to use the equipment to track staff and equipment on the scene of an emergency, as well as in the EOC. Stolte discussed the benefits of tracking this information. They would know what resources are currently being used or may need to be utilized to respond to an event; make sure that first responders are present in the areas that they are being directed to go; and track persons at the scene so that if something happens at the scene, there would be a list of the people who are there.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Cummings, to approve Ordinance 164-O-052.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-048: Repeal And Recreate Section 3-11(A) Of The Waukesha County Code Of Ordinances To Set Fees For Jury Service And Establish A Travel Payment

Madden explained that Courts is in the process of changing to the one day or one trial system. State statute requires that in a County in which this system is adopted, the County Board may determine the amount to be paid to jurors for attendance and travel fees. The proposed juror compensation is as follows:

- Half day per diem: \$15.00 (currently \$12.50)
- Full day per diem: \$30.00 (currently \$25.00)
- Mileage reimbursement: \$7.00 per day (currently \$0.55 per mile)

Madden stated that travel fees have increased about 40% over the past several years. She estimated that approximately \$6,600 would be saved due to the net change to the reimbursement rates as compared to the current system. Other counties around the state utilized this method for travel reimbursement – it is considered a best practice for jury service.

Morris asked if there is any downside to this proposed change. Madden said there must be a larger jury pool, and the costs for postage and printing would go up an estimated \$1500-\$2000; however, it would still result in a net savings of over \$6,000. Cummings suggested that an explanation of the higher

postage and printing costs be explained in the 2011 budget book. Madden stated that information would also be included in the Annual Jury Report, and the estimated impact of this change is already included in the 2010 budget.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Falstad, to approve Ordinance 164-O-048.
Motion carried: 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 164-O-051: Establish Voluntary Juror Donation Program

Madden discussed the establishment of a Voluntary Juror Donation Program that would allow jurors to donate their per diem and travel fees. Jurors often request to donate or forego payment for various reasons; however, State statute requires the payment of juror fees and travel expenses. This Program would provide the option to jurors to donate their compensation. Other counties around the State have this type of program.

Madden further explained that approval of the Donation Program would require the creation of a special fund which would be used only for the purposes of providing direct financial support for special Jury Program improvements. Such improvements, for example, may include updates of furniture and supplies in the Jury Assembly Room (JAR). Madden assured that the money could not be spent without coming before the Board for approval.

Falstad asked how jurors would be made aware of this option to donate. Madden said that written information would be included with the paperwork they receive in the mail, and a verbal statement would be made in the JAR to inform them of the Program when they arrive. Falstad said he would not want any juror to feel obligated to donate, as some may be in financial need of the compensation. Madden assured that it would only be briefly presented as an option and no one would be pressured to participate.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Decker, to approve Ordinance 164-O-051. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Committee Report

Morris reported on the items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of October 5, 2009:

- Discussion of the following 2010 Operating Budgets: Community Development Block Grant Operating Budget, Waukesha County Federated Library System, UW-Extension, and Non-Departmental.
- Discussion of the 2010 – 2014 Capital Projects with an Emphasis on the Following Projects:

UWW Boiler, Chiller & Controls Replacement	Repaving Program 2013 – 2017
Health & Human Services Bldg	Orthophotography
DA Office Space Renovation	Digital Radio System Upgrade

All projects were approved
- Adoption of the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan

Reports from Committee Member Liaisons

Cummings reported that following the Health & Human Services Committee meeting of October 15, she went to the Expo Center for a tour of the H1N1 mass clinic.

Wolff left at 9:02 a.m.

Future Meeting Dates

- November 13, 2009

Future Agenda Items

- Courts – Collections, Fines and Forfeitures - what is collected and what is not, by Business Manager Bob Snow

Meeting Approval

MOTION: Pledl moved, second by Decker, to approve attendance at the WCAN presentation, *Collaboratively Keeping Our Region Safe*, on Thursday, October 22, 2009. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislative Update

Krahn provided an update on pending legislative issues, including items related to the State public defender funding, OWI legislation and the additional tax on alcohol, small claims, emergency services/levy limit and the protective status for CO's.

Presentation: Drug Free Communities Initiative

Jante introduced AmeriCorps Vista volunteer Erin Drout and Program Coordinator Ellen Shiflet. Shiflet and Irene Secora (who was not present) are both part-time Program Coordinators with the Waukesha County UW-Extension's Drug Free Coalition. Jante distributed a handout outlining the goals and accomplishments for the first year of the Coalition. She stated that they are presently in the second year of the federal grant which provides \$125,000 a year for up to ten years. Continuation of the funding is determined on meeting objectives and guidelines as mandated. They are working to gain additional funding sources and grants in order to ensure long-term success of the Coalition for the future. Jante and Shiflet further discussed the development of the countywide Coalition and the goal of reducing the use and abuse of alcohol, drugs and tobacco by youth by changing the environment within the neighborhoods and communities.

Drout discussed the results of the Waukesha County Drug Collection that was held on October 3. A total of about 1700 households participated in the collection at five sites around the County: Elm Grove, Menomonee Falls, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee, and Waukesha. The collection sites were staffed by a total of 84 volunteers. Because many of the drugs were controlled substances, the collection was supervised by law enforcement officers. Pharmacists were on-hand to identify and sort the drugs. The drugs must be taken to a specialized incinerator site for disposal.

Wolff returned at 9:28 am.

Klimetz discussed the considerable number of man-hours, costs and liabilities involved with a drug collection effort of this type. Federal and State guidelines must be followed because of the presence of controlled substances. Cummings suggested that Krahn look into the possibility of legislative changes to make this type of drug collection process less complicated. Falstad stated he would follow-up on this issue with the WCA Judiciary Committee.

Jante discussed the evaluation of the work of the Drug Free Communities as part of fulfilling mandated guidelines, as listed in the handout she distributed. A report from the Office of National Drug Control Policy says that alcohol, tobacco and other drug use rates were lower than national averages in cities and towns with coalitions funded by the Drug Free Communities Program. Jante stated that the evaluation focused on four core measures involving substance abuse by 9th-12th graders in the public and private schools in the City of Waukesha school district. She passed around a copy of a summary of results showing the positive impact of the Drug Free Communities Program.

Jante stated that an outside evaluator was hired to evaluate the work of the Coalition. She distributed a handout titled *Working Together: A Profile of Collaboration – An Assessment Tool*. In closing, Jante welcomed any volunteers to assist in the work of the Waukesha County – Drug Free Communities Program.

Morris thanked Jante, Shiflet, and Drout for their presentation.

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Cummings, to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary